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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. PASTOR of Arizona).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
October 22, 2009.

I hereby appoint the Honorable ED PASTOR to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer:

Almighty and ever-living God, as we reflect upon the past, give us a grateful spirit that will rejoice in the love that has graced our days and provide us with the wisdom to learn from our mistakes.

Remove blame and shame from our minds, that we can better discern the crises of today.

As we strain our vision and take control of our wandering hearts to embrace the future, give us confidence in Your divine providence, Lord, and endow us with gifted instincts to prepare us for what lies ahead.

Free us from prejudices and greed which narrow our perspective and rob us of our true potential as a people.

Help us to seize the present moment and make choices that will assure the progress of Your people and give You glory.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentlewoman from Pennsylvania (Mrs. DAHLKEMPER) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. DAHLKEMPER led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to 10 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

HONORING THE LIFE OF SERGEANT DAVID W. WALLACE, III

(Mrs. DAHLKEMPER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. DAHLKEMPER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to honor the life of Sergeant David W. Wallace, III, of Sharpsville, Pennsylvania. Sergeant Wallace was killed in January 2009 while deployed to Afghanistan with the 2nd Combat Engineers Battalion, 2nd Marine Division.

This morning, the Sharpsville community gathers to dedicate the Sergeant Wallace Memorial Bridge, where Sergeant Wallace used to fish on the Shenango River. The bridge is a fitting tribute, and the people of Sharpsville do a great service to the memory of Sergeant Wallace and his family in its dedication.

Sergeant Wallace was only 25 years old when his life was taken in Afghanistan. He leaves behind his wife, Erica;

his stepson, Landon; his daughter, Brooklyn; and a host of family and friends who dearly miss their brave soldier.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the memory of Sergeant David Wallace and commending the people of Sharpsville for honoring his service to our country.

God bless his family, and God bless the troops.

CUT MEDICARE PARTS A, B, C AND D TO FUND "PART E"?

(Mr. KIRK asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KIRK. Mr. Speaker, the House may attempt to rebrand their \$1 trillion government health care plan as something they will try to call Medicare Part E. To save their own brand, they are willing to cheapen Medicare's. Medicare currently cares for seniors, but under this bill, Medicare will attempt to cover millions more with much less money.

Look at CBO's accounting of the Senate bill. It shows what the House plans to do. To fund a new government health care bill, Congress will cut Medicare Parts A, B, C and D. CBO reports they will cut Medicare Part A for hospitals \$128 billion; Medicare Part B for doctors, \$130 billion; Medicare Part C, Advantage, \$133 billion; Medicare Part D, drugs, \$20 billion. The bill also raises \$424 billion in taxes in the teeth of the great recession.

All of this to fund a new government health care program that will not care for a single senior, but will use their health care dollars to help support a government program Congress attempts to call Medicare Part E.

Do you think seniors will be fooled by this?

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